IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF SEPTEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT
THE HON'BLE MS JUSTICE G.ROHINI
WRIT PETITION NO : 16960 of 2004

Between:
Crown Cultural Association, a Society rep.by its Honorary secretary
Y.Narasimha Rao,S/o.Tataiah,
R/o.8-2-293/D/1 to 6, Indralok Complex,
Indranagar, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 The Commissioner of police, Hyderabad city.
2 The Deputy Commissioner of police, West Zone, Santhinagar, Hyderabad.
3 The Asst. Commissioner of police, West Zone, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad.
4 The Assistant Commissioner of police, (Task Force), Begumpet, Hyderabad.
5 The S.H.O., Banjara Hills, Police Station, Hyderabad.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue an appropriate writ, order or direction more particularly in the nature of writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to forbear from interfering with the lawful activities of the petitioner society, particularly the card room of the petitioner society where the members and guests of the petitioner society are allowed to play the game of Rummy with stakes and syndicates, and pass.

Counsel for the Petitioner: MR.T.NARAYANA

Counsel for the Respondent No.: GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following :

ORDER:

The petitioner seeks a writ of Mandamus forbearing from interfering with the activities of the petitioner's Society in particular with the Card Room of the petitioner's Society where the members and guests of the petitioner's Society are allowed to play the game of Rummy with stakes (strike game/syndicate game).

It is represented by the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents that the issue raised in this writ petition is squarely covered by the decision of a Division Bench of this Court in the case of TWIN CITIES CINEMA CULTURAL CENTRE (FORMERLY TWIN CITIES CLUB) vs. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE[1] and the writ petition can be disposed of in terms of the said decision.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents not to obstruct the petitioner's Society from conducting card room for playing the game of rummy with stakes (strike game/syndicate game) by its members and guests. However, liberty is granted to the respondents to enter the premises and check if they have information that any game other than rummy is being played in the premises and to take necessary action in accordance with law. No costs.

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22-09-2004

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To
1 The Commissioner of police, Hyderabad city.
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